

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

THE BANKS HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

120 E. Chesapeake Ave.

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George Banks

Telephone #: 823-4228

STREET &amp; NUMBER

120 E. Chesapeake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3123

Folio #: 141

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

BA-1022 - 120 Chesapeake

before 1915

An unusual feature in this two-story frame house is its two front doors, one leading into each room. This section of the house is four bays wide by one bay deep, followed by a kitchen addition. The house rests on a stone cellar which is fully exposed at the rear. A fine late Victorian mantel is among the surviving woodwork.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1022

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

120 Chesapeake

The floor plan of this two-story frame house consists of two rooms in the main house followed by a perpendicular kitchen wing. The entire house is situated over a stone cellar, which because of topography, is fully exposed under the kitchen. There is an exterior entrance to the south, and an interior entrance under the main stair. On the first floor of the house, stove flues rise against the south wall of the kitchen and the central partition of the main house. The stair is located along the south wall of the west room.

A mantel in the east room is detached from the present stove flue. The mantel shelf has a chamfered edge and is elaborately shaped in plan. The shelf support is finely cut and employs a quirk ogee chamfer molding. The architraves, with a curved center flanked by double beads, end in concentric circled corner blocks. The exterior architraves consist of narrow beaded strips. The four-panel doors have shallow panels.

On the facade, a 2/2 window and a door once served each room. The east door is now blocked from the exterior. Two 2/2 windows light the second floor. The gable roof of the main house runs east-west, paralleling the street. A semi-enclosed porch has a shed roof supported by turned posts. The porch brackets feature a curved saw-tooth design. The house is covered in asbestos shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Records indicate that this structure was shown in early maps of Towson (Bromley 1898-1915). The earliest deed found indicated that the Towson Real Estate Company conveyed the property to Sarah Hosmer in 1907. In March of that same year the property was obtained by Louis Davis. Louis Davis lost the property in 1946. The property was then purchased by Dawson Groom and wife - Oct. 10, 1946. On June 11, 1947 Dawson Groom conveyed the property to Russell T. Frazier and wife. Two years later the property was conveyed by Russell T. Frazier and Dorothy Frazier to Harry and Bessie Nasder (Sept. 13, 1949). Eight years later Harry and Bessie Nasder conveyed the property to George Banks - March 16, 1957.

Baltimore County Office of Land Records Liber Folio # 313-389  
1499-514  
1572-156  
1777-420  
3123-141

Louis Davis Platt of 1921

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION

Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca

DATE

823-8870

STREET &amp; NUMBER

600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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